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MEMORANDUM

Regional Director, PN, MP, LC, UC, GP

Attention: PN-3300, MP-440, BCOO-4400, UC-284, GP-2100

From: Alonzo Knapp

Manager, Reclamation Law, Contracts, and Repayment Office

Subject: Revised Standard Contract Article 17 Pertaining to Contracts Conveying Irrigation

Benefits

Standard Article 17 "Compliance With Reclamation Laws" for contracts conveying irrigation benefits was effectively revised by rules that became effective on January 1, 1998, revising Part 426-Acreage Limitation Rules and Regulations (see 43 CFR 426.3(c)). Contracts and contract amendments or contracts that are amended to conform to the discretionary provisions of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 executed on or before January 1, 1998, and containing the standard article language provided to the Regions by the Deputy Commissioner's memorandum dated December 9, 1988, will remain in effect. New or renewed contracts or contracts that are amended to conform to the discretionary provisions of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 executed after January 1, 1998, must include the language shown in the attachment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, contact Jeff Bryant at 303-445-2892.

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COMPLIANCE WITH RECLAMATION LAWS

(All Programs Except D&MC)

The parties agree that the delivery of irrigation water or use of Federal facilities pursuant to this contract is subject to Federal reclamation law, including but not limited to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390aa et seq.), as amended and supplemented, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior under Federal reclamation law.

Approved 2/22/71; Revised 1/31/79; Reapproved 10/31/81; Revised 12/15/82; 11/84; 9/88; 9/99

Notes:

(1) For contracts which only convey M&I, recreation, fish and wildlife, or other benefits (no irrigation), the following language should be used:

RULES, REGULATIONS, AND DETERMINATIONS

- (a) The parties agree that the delivery of water or the use of Federal facilities pursuant to this contract is subject to Reclamation law, as amended and supplemented, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior under Reclamation law.
- (b) The Contracting Officer shall have the right to make determinations necessary to administer this contract that are consistent with the expressed and implied provisions of this contract, the laws of the United States and the State, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior. Such determinations shall be made in consultation with the Contractor.
- (2) For SRPA Projects depending on federally-constructed facilities for the water supply, the standard language above for projects delivering irrigation water should also be used. For use in SRPA loan contracts, exclusive of any Federal project, the article should be revised as follows:

COMPLIANCE WITH SMALL RECLAMATION PROJECT LAWS

The parties agree that lands and irrigation water users benefited through the use of funds furnished under this contract are subject to the Small Reclamation Projects Act, as amended and supplemented.